GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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LEVY OF MELA SURCHARGE
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether special tax is levied by Railways during `Shravani Mela` and `Pitrapaksha Mela` in Devghar and Gaya in Bihar;

(b) if so, the income earned by the Railways thereby during the last three years; and

(c) the percentage of said tax spent for the development of Devghar and Gaya?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Total earnings from Mela surcharge levied for Shravani and Pitrapaksha Melas during the last three years were Rs. 30.05 lakhs.

(c) During major Melas, railways have to provide a number of additional facilities like opening of additional booking counters, running of special trains, etc. The surcharge is intended to recover the expenditure incurred in providing additional facilities.